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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER KARKI'S VISIT TO US

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1. TRUST YOU HAVE RECEIVED TATU'S LETTER OF AUGUST 13 REPORTING FONMIN KARKI'S INTEREST IN TAKING UP DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH'S OFFER TO TAKE HIM OUT TO PLAY GOLF WHEN KARKI NEXT IN WASHINGTON, WHICH DEPUTY SECRETARY APPARENTLY MADE WHEN HERE LAST APRIL. AS REPORTED IN LETTER, KARKI HAS REMINDED ME OF THIS SEVERAL TIMES IN CONNECTION HIS PLANS VISIT UNGA LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER.

2. KARKI LEFT FOR ALGIERS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AND CONFIRMED TO ME THAT HE WILL RETURN HERE SEPTEMBER 10. ACCORDING TO OTHER INFO WE HAVE, HE WILL BE LEAVING SHORTLY THEREAFTER AND MAY NOT RETURN TO KATHMANDU PRIOR HIS ARRIVAL NEW YORK. AS REPORTED IN LETTER, HE SUGGESTED TO ME THAT SEPTEMBER 28 OR 29, OR ALTERNATIVELY OCTOBER 6, WOULD BE GOOD TIMES FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW TO MAKE SIDE TRIP FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON TO SEE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND CHALLENGE HIM TO A ROUND OF GOLF. SINCE TATU WROTE LETTER, I HAVE CHECKED THESE DATES AGAIN WITH FONSEC WHO CONSIDERS THEM TO BE PRETTY FIRM.

3. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, COULD YOU TRY TO GET ME BY SEPT. 10 AT LEAST A PRELIMINARY OPINION FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AS TO POSSIBILITIES FOR THIS INTER-MINISTERIAL SPORTING EVENT?

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